

AGREEMENT FOR SINGLE FAMILY WATER USE EFFICIENCY PROJECT

Landscape Irrigation Evaluation and Rebate Program

The Miami-Dade County Water and Sewer Department Landscape Irrigation Evaluation Program provides financial incentive for homeowners in Miami-Dade County to modify irrigation systems so they apply water more efficiently. Improved irrigation efficiency will reduce the amount of water used outdoors and create healthier more sustainable landscapes. **Applicants must have a functioning irrigation system on the property in order to qualify for the rebate program.** Approved applicants will receive an irrigation assessment before and after the system is retrofitted. The Urban Conservation Unit of the Miami-Dade County Extension Service will provide the assessments. Assessments are free and are designed to provide insight to homeowners as to what retrofits would be both cost-effective and appropriate for the landscape and the irrigation system.

Retrofits must be completed within six months of the initial assessment and all retrofit paperwork & proof of payment must be submitted to the Urban Conservation Unit no later than **90 days** after the post-evaluation. Rebates are only available for changes made to the irrigation system or landscape that are included on the List of Approved Irrigation Retrofits (below) or for a modification that is approved by the Urban Conservation Unit prior to retrofit.

List of Approved Irrigation Retrofits

Rebates are available for the following irrigation retrofits (including **parts and labor**):

Item #	Qualified retrofit	Maximum possible rebate
1	Purchase and installation of a rain sensor (cannot be combined with installation of soil moisture sensor or ET controller).	\$120
2	Purchase and installation of a soil moisture sensor or ET controller (not both).	\$400
3	Removal of irrigation in areas where plants do not require irrigation water (low water demand plants that have already been established).	\$200
4	Installation of plants that are drought tolerant combined with removal of irrigation. Plants must be listed in publication titled "Low Maintenance Landscape Plants for South Florida" available at: http://bit.ly/18d2n75	\$400
5	Redesign of irrigation system to separate zones based on plant water demand (example: grass should be on a separate zone from shrubs).	\$400
6	Modification and installation of sprinklers to provide matched precipitation rate or better coverage throughout a zone.	\$200
7	Installation of low volume irrigation in landscape.	\$400
8	Replacement of Indexing valve with electric valves.	\$400
9	Replacement of mechanical timer with a digital timer.	\$400
10	Purchase and installation of irrigation sub meter.	\$100
11	Purchase and installation of a rain water collection system (rain barrel must be 70 gal or more).	\$400
12	Other water conservation strategy (must be approved by UCU).	TBD

All costs to be reimbursed must be documented. Participants must provide original receipts/invoices to the Miami-Dade County Extension Service. Receipts/invoices must be itemized showing the cost for labor and individual parts purchased. All receipts/invoices submitted must show payment in full, in order to qualify for the rebate. Proof of payment can be in the form of cancelled check, money order, or bank statement.

A maximum of \$500.00 is available for each participant, per Program Year. Rebates shall be granted on a first-come first-serve basis until program funds are expended. To apply for the program please fill out the application form on the reverse side.

This agreement is entered into on ____/____/20____ by and between Miami Dade Water and Sewer Department (WASD), the UF/IFAS Miami-Dade County Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ (FFL) Program's Urban Conservation Unit (UCU), and _____ Single Family Homeowner hereinafter referred to as the SFH for the Landscape Irrigation Evaluations Program under the following **TERMS**:

1. **A functioning irrigation system is located on the property.** The SFH will be contacted to schedule an on-site pre-evaluation of the property's irrigation system and landscaping by the UCU. Following the pre-evaluation inspection, the UCU will provide the SFH with a written report with recommendations on how to make the landscape and irrigation system more water efficient.
2. The WASD will reimburse the SFH **up to but not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500)** for retrofits made to the existing irrigation system so it's more efficient. **Only modifications that are on the List of Approved Irrigation Retrofits (other side of page) or a modification that is approved by the UCU prior to retrofit will be reimbursable.**
3. After the retrofits are completed, **the SFH must schedule a post-retrofit evaluation of the system by the UCU** to ensure retrofits are operating correctly. To receive a rebate each SFH must:
 - a. Receive a pre-retrofit evaluation of their irrigation system
 - b. Receive a post-retrofit evaluation of their irrigation system
 - c. Provide itemized receipts and approved payment for parts and labor used in retrofits
4. Retrofits must be completed within **six months** of the initial assessment, and all paperwork must be submitted no later than **90 days** after the post-evaluation in order to receive a rebate.
5. The undersigned is solely responsible for permitting and retention of a licensed contractor to perform the installation work.
6. Failure to maintain a scheduled appointment or failure to reply to UCU requests for an appointment will result in dismissal of application.
7. The SFH will be made aware of other water conservation programs available from WASD through the UCU and will receive information about FFL.
8. The SFH will allow the UCU to release copies of both pre and post evaluation reports to FFL, WASD, and the South Florida Water Management District.
9. The SFH agrees to hold harmless WASD, FFL and the UCU for any loss or damage to SFH property or landscaping.
10. The SFH may participate in the program up to, but not exceeding 5 times. **The SFH may apply in each new program year (for example October 1st – September 30th) and must complete retrofits within six months of the initial assessment in accordance with this Agreement.**

Homeowner (Print Name) _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Signature _____ Email _____

Have you previously enrolled in this program? If so, what year? _____

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Signature _____

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